1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Education, Tribal Festival and Other						
Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST Student	7.95	7.95	15.90	15.90	26.00	11.00
Lum-sum Provision for N.E. (Revenue & Capital Section)	33.00	0.00	44.00	0.00	50.30	00.00
Special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub-Plan	688.82	688.82	816.71	816.71	816.71	609.55
Scheme Under Provision to Art 275 (1) of the Constitution	380.00	380.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	314.99
Information Technology	0.75	0.389	2.00	1.98	1.00	0.08

Reservation **for** economically backward classes

1825. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

whether Government has constituted a Commission for fixing reservation criteria for the economically backward classes, which are not enjoying the benefits of reservation at present;

if so, the nature of composition of the said Commission, alongwith the terms of reference thereof;

whether the Commission has submitted its report:

if so, the salient features of the recommendations made by the Commission; and

the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Commission consists of a Chairperson, a Member and a Member Secretary and the terms of references of the Commission are:

(i) to elicit the views of States Governments/UTs and other Commissions on the subject;

(ii) to suggest criteria for identification of economically backward classes;

(hi) to recommend the welfare measures and quantum of reservation in education and Government Employment in consultation with the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities;

(iv) to suggest the necessary constitutional, legal and administrative modalities as required for the implementation of their recommendations.

No, Sir.

and (e) Do not arise.

Rehabilitation and welfare of leprosy-affected disabled persons

1826. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister pf SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

whether Government has any plan and comprehensive rehabilitation and welfare of leprosy-affected disabled persons;

if so, the details thereof; and

the funds allocated and released during the last year and the details of its utilization during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAG ADEESAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is already implementing Disability Prevention & Medical Rehabilitation (DPMR) Services to leprosy affected persons under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme. Under the programme, Micro Cellular Rubber (MCR) footwear, dressing materials, splints and drugs for management of leprosy reactions are provided to leprosy affected persons. The eligible leprosy affected persons with disability are also motivated for reconstructive surgery so that their physical functional ability is improved.

(b) Under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme funds allocated, released & expenditure by States during 2006-07 including DPMR activities is as below-

(Rs. In lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Released	Expenditure
2006-07	3875.00	3002.66	3256.76

Rehabilitation of visually handicapped

1827. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

whether Government proposes to implement any specific scheme for the rehabilitation of visually impaired persons in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

if so, the salient features of the scheme and the amount allocated for the purpose;

the number of visually impaired persons in the country at present, State-wise; and

the steps being taken by Government for their security and welfare, particularly those of females, at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND [1]1POWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) A statement ning State-wise number of persons with visual disabilities in the country, as per the , us, 2001 is given in Statement *{See* below). Recently a scheme for promotion of 'loyment in the private sector, for persons with disabilities including visual impaired has